

## **Lookback**

### **Information Sharing group**

**Tuesday 16 October 2007**

**Intellect Conference Suite, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London WC1B 5EE**

**Speaker: Roger Styles, Deputy Director Information Assurance, Cabinet Office**

**Case Study: Experian (Terence Sandiford, Public Sector Sales Director)**

Roger Styles discussed the role of the Central Sponsor for Information Assurance (CSIA). The CSIA, amongst other roles, provides focus for Government and the Information Assurance sector, it defines and owns the national Information Assurance Strategy, it oversees implementation, leads Government Information Assurance research and development and it works with stakeholders such as the CPNI (Centre for the Protection of the National infrastructure) to create a Wider Information Assurance Centre.

Syles outlined his reasons for supporting an Information Assurance Strategy and stressed that it would enable the Government and industry to enjoy the full benefits of information systems with confidence, and would complement the transformational government agenda.

Terence Sandiford presented a short case-study on information sharing in the private sector. He outlined the difficulties faced by the private sector, which has to proceed in the absence of an industry-wide Information Sharing Strategy, and commented on what he thinks the Public Sector needs to do to enable information sharing. This included mapping the transactions relevant to key internal and external business processes, identifying a matrix of data sources, ownership and limitations and agreeing a policy on 'open' 'shared' and 'closed' private data sharing.